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Paris, December 28.

IT is adviſed from Valenciennes, that Mr. Law paſſing through that Place was ſtopped by the Governour; but the Intendant of Maubeuge being acquainted with his Arrival, went thither, and having examined his Paſsport, and ſome particular Orders he produced from Court, gave him Leave to continue his Journey to Bruſſels. Letters from thence of the 23d give an Account of his being entertained at Dinner by the Marqueſs de Prié, and that he went there under the Name of the Chevalier de Marais, and his Son by that of the Chevalier du Jardin. The Directors of the India Company went ſome Days ago to M. Pelletier de la Houſſaye, the new Comptroller General, to intreat him to obtain from the Regent the Liberty of M. Fromager, one of the Directors, who was carried to the Baſtile on the 21ſt Inſtant, but were refuſed. It is ſaid a new Council of Finances is about to be eſtabliſhed, and that it is to conſiſt of the Duke Regent, all the Princes of the Blood, the Chancellour, the Marſhal de Villeroy, the Comptroller-General, and M. des Marets. The Term for bringing in 150 Livres for every Action of the India Company by way of a Loan, is to be prolonged for a Fortnight more, by reaſon of the Scarcity of Money. Letters from Marſeilles of the 12th Inſtant give an Account, that they now looked upon that City to be free from the Plague; but it is ſaid that Diſtemper has got into St. Remy, whither the Parliament of Aix retired ſome Time ago, and that Avignon is likewiſe ſuſpected of the Infection. It is adviſed from Rennes in Britany, that a Fire having broke out ſome Days ago in that City, laid above 2000 Houſes in Aſhes.

Whitehall, December 24, 1720.

Whereas a Letter was wrote on Thurſday laſt, in a Hand that did not appear to be counterfeited, and ſent by the Penny-Poſt, directed thus, To the Right Honourable James Craggs, Eſq; at the Secretary's Office at Whitehall, *and beginning thus,* Mr. Craggs, *but had no Name ſubſcribed to it. If the Perſon who wrote that Letter will let Mr. Secretary Craggs know when and where he may be ſpoke with, he ſhall have a convenient Opportunity given him of doing what he propoſes, and may depend upon the utmoſt Secreſy.*

Stamp-Office, July 16, 1720.

That no Perſon may pretend Ignorance of the following Law, the Commiſſioners of the Stamp-Duties do hereby give farther Notice, that by an Act of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, it is (int' al') *enacted, that if any Perſon or Perſons, at any time after the 1ſt of Auguſt 1720, ſhall cut, tear, or get off any Mark or Stamp, in reſpect whereof or whereby any Duties are payable, or are denoted to be paid or payable to His Majeſty, on Playing-Cards; or ſhall file, ſquare, or new ſpot any Dice which have been ſold or play'd with; or ſhall fraudulently inclose any Parcel or Pack of Playing-Cards in any outſide Paper ſo ſealed and ſtampt, as aforeſaid; or in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall hereafter ſell, or expoſe to ſale, any Playing-Cards, the ſame not being, at the time of ſuch ſelling, or expoſing to ſale, actually ſtampt on the ſpotted or painted ſide, and alſo incloſed in Paper and Thread, ſealed and ſtampt, as by the Act of the 10th of Queen Anne, which charges the ſaid Duties, is directed; then ſo often, and in every ſuch Caſe, any Perſon offending in any of the Particulars before mentioned, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit the Sum of 10 l. with full Coſts of Suit.*

The Court of Directors of the Bank of England give Notice, that a General Court will be held at the Bank on Thurſday the 29th Inſtant at Eleven in the Forenoon, upon ſpecial Affairs.

East-India Houſe, Dec. 22, 1720.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the Eaſt Indies do hereby give Notice, that their General Court holden this Day have adjourned themſelves to Wedneſday the 28th Inſtant, and have appointed then to meet at Ten in the Forenoon, about ſpecial Affairs.

In the Advertiſement from the African-Houſe publiſhed in laſt Saturday's Gazette, inſtead of Tueſday the 23d of January next, *read* Tueſday the 24th of January next.

The Governour and Company of Undertakers for raiſing the Thames Water in York Buildings, give Notice to the ſeveral Perſons who have purchaſed Annuities from them, that they will make Payment of the half Years Annuities due the 25th Inſtant, upon their producing proper Certificates of Life; and that their Caſhier will attend at their Office in Throgmorton-Street, to pay the ſame, on Thurſday and Friday, the 29th and 30th Inſtant, from Ten in the Morning till One, and every Thurſday Morning afterwards. N. B. Every Annuitant is to bring his Annuity Bond with him.

Advertiſements.

WHereas by a Decree of the High Court of Chancery the Creditors of William Allen the elder, James Allen the elder, and William Allen the younger, late of Marden, in the County of Kent, were directed to prove their Debts before Henry Lovibond, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court; Notice is hereby given, that, purſuant to an Order of the ſaid Court, dated the 6th Inſtant, ſuch of the ſaid Creditors as have not yet proved their Debts are to come before the ſaid Maſter, and prove the ſame within two Months after this Notice, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Decree.

THE Truſtees appointed by an Act of Parliament to diſcharge Sir Alexander Rigby from his Impriſonment, and veſt his Eſtate in Truſtees for his Creditors, intend to meet on Thurſday the 19th of January next at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; when and where all the Creditors are deſired to attend upon eſpecial Affairs.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded againſt William Wickham, of London, Merchant, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners on the 30th Inſtant, and on the 6th and 23d of January next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; at the ſecond of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuſe Aſſignees. And all Perſons indebted to the ſaid Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or Effects of his in their Hands, are deſired to give Notice to Mr. Thomas Clendon, Attorney, in Shear-lane, London.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded againſt Mathew Andrews, of London, Merchant, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners on the 30th Inſtant, and on the 6th and 23d of January next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; at the ſecond of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuſe Aſſignees. And all Perſons indebted to the ſaid Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or Effects of his in their Hands, are deſired to give Notice thereof to Mr. Thomas Clendon, Attorney, in Shear-lane, London.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded againſt George Dare, of Lowlaton, in the County of Eſſex, Baker, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners on the 3d, 6th, and 23d of January next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; at the ſecond of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuſe Aſſignees. And all Perſons indebted to the ſaid Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or Effects of his in their Hands, are deſired to give Notice to Mr. John Slater, at his Chambers, N° 4, in Lincoln's-Inn-Square.